Afro-American religion

Afro-American religion (also known as **African diasporic religions**) are a number of related religions that developed in the Americas in various nations of Latin America, the Caribbean, and the southern United States. They derive from traditional African religions with some influence from other religious traditions, notably Christianity.

Example of Louisiana Voodoo altar inside a temple in New Orleans.

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Characteristics

Afro-American religions involve veneration of the dead, and include a creator deity along with a pantheon of divine spirits such as the Orisha, Loa, Nkisi, and Alusi, among others. In addition to the religious syncretism of these various African traditions, many also incorporate elements of Folk Catholicism, Native American religion, Spiritism, Spiritualism and European folklore

List of traditions

Variations of African Religions in the Americas				
Religion	**Location**	**Ancestral roots**	**Also practiced in**	**Remarks**
Candomblé	Brazil	Yoruba religion, Kongo religion, Dahomean religion	Argentina, Colombia, Uruguay, Venezuela, United States	
Umbanda	Brazil	Yoruba religion	Argentina, Uruguay, Venezuela, United States	
Quimbanda	Brazil	Kongo religion	Argentina, Uruguay, United States	
Santería	Cuba	Yoruba religion	Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Mexico, Panama, Belize, Puerto Rico, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela	
Cuban Vodú	Cuba	Dahomean religion	Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, United States	
Palo	Cuba[1]	Kongo religion	Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, United States	
Abakuá	Cuba	Ekpe	United States	Secret society of the Anaang, Efik, Ibibio, Ekoi, and Igbo peoples.
Dominican Vudú	Dominican Republic	Dahomean religion	United States	
Comfa	Guyana	Mixture of Odinani, Akan religion, Kongo religion, and Yoruba religion and knowledge traditions, along with indigenous American, Asian, and European elements.	Trinidad and Tobago	
Haitian Vodou	Haiti	Dahomean religion, Fon	Canada, Dominican Republic, United States, France	
Kumina	Jamaica	Kongo religion	United States	
Obeah	Jamaica	Akan religion, Odinani, Yoruba religion	Jamaica, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Virgin Islands, United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia	Similar to Hoodoo folk magic. Derives from the Igbo *obia* (or *dibia*, "doctoring") traditions.[2]
Winti	Suriname	Akan religion	Guyana, Netherlands, United States, United Kingdom, Canada	
Spiritual Baptist	Trinidad and Tobago	Yoruba religion	the Bahamas, Barbados, St. Vincent & The Grenadines, Guyana, Suriname, Canada, Jamaica,	

			Belize, United States, United Kingdom, Australia	
Trinidad Orisha	Trinidad and Tobago[3]	Yoruba religion	United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia	
Louisiana Voodoo	Southern United States	Dahomean religion	United States	

Other closely related regional faiths

- Espiritismo (mixture of Indigenous American, African, European, and Asian beliefs, Puerto Rico)
- Hoodoo (mixture of West/Central African, Indigenous American, and European traditions, Mississippi Delta)
- Kélé (derived from Yoruba religion, St. Lucia)
- Puerto Rican Vudú or Sanse (Dahomean religion, Puerto Rico)
- Rastafarianism, Jamaica
- Santo Daime (folk Catholicism and Spiritism, Brazil)
- Tambor de Mina (mixture of Dahomean religion, Yoruba Religion, Indigenous American, and European traditions, Maranhão, Brazil)
- Quimbois (African folk beliefs mixed with Christianity from Martinique).
- Xangô de Recife (Yoruba religion, Brazil)[4]
- Xangô do Nordeste (Yoruba religion, Brazil)

See also

- Black theology

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